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## MEMORANDUM

April 13, 2023

**To: Members, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs**

**From: Committee Staff**

**Re: Hearing on “Spending on Empty: How the Biden Administration’s Unprecedented Spending Increased Risk of Waste, Fraud, and Abuse at the Department of Energy”**

On Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 2:00 PM EST in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs will host a hearing titled “Spending on Empty: How the Biden Administration’s Unprecedented Spending Increased Risk of Waste, Fraud, and Abuse at the Department of Energy.”

### **I. BACKGROUND:**

A recent Department of Energy (DOE) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Report details “greatly increased risk of fraud, waste, and mismanagement” at DOE. According to the OIG, DOE’s budget more than doubled from FY2022 to FY2023 in terms of appropriated funds to be managed; additionally, \$336 billion in loan authorities under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act, as well as \$30.5 billion authorized under the Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors and Science Act, necessitates thorough oversight of taxpayer-funded programs.

### **II. HEARING PURPOSE:**

This hearing will examine DOE’s ability to safeguard taxpayer dollars at high risk of fraud, waste, and abuse in light of historic, unprecedented spending being funneled through the agency at the direction of the Biden Administration.

### **III. WITNESSES:**

**Teri L. Donaldson**

Inspector General

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**Dr. Kathleen Hogan**

Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Infrastructure

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